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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 57-17635, which was published on January 29, 1982, along with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 6-70986, which was published on March 15, 1994, along with an English language translation of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-51066, which was published on November 22, 1995, along with an English language translation of the same; and

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 8-215320, which was published on August 27, 1996, along with an English language translation of the same.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translations. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly,

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the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/610,957 to OUCHI, entitled "Endoscopic Spray Device", which was filed on July 6, 2000; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/703,898 to KIDOOKA et al., entitled "Spray Device For An Endoscope", which was filed on November 2, 2000.

Copies of the above-noted applications, as filed, are attached hereto.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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